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Applicant : MAILLARD et al
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TRANSMISSION

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2000, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims.

20-21. A method of transmission and reception of a scrambled data stream comprising:

transmitting a scrambled data stream to a decoder;
sending the scrambled data stream to a portable security module inserted in the decoder;
descrambling the scrambled data stream;
encrypting a descrambled data stream at a point of transmission using a first encryption key, wherein the first encryption key is dependant upon a variable known to both a transmitter and a decoder;
sending the encrypted data stream;